

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, 20TH JANUARY 2010, AT 6.00 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillors C. R. Scurrall (Chairman), Mrs. J. M. L. A. Griffiths (Vice-Chairman), Mrs. J. M. Boswell, A. N. Blagg, Mrs. M. Bunker, Miss D. H. Campbell JP, S. R. Colella, R. J. Deeming, G. N. Denaro, Mrs. R. L. Dent, Mrs. A. E. Doyle, Mrs. J. Dyer M.B.E., D. Hancox, R. Hollingworth, Ms. H. J. Jones, B. Lewis F.CMI, Dr. G. H. Lord, Ms. J. A. Marshall, Mrs. C. M. McDonald, P. M. McDonald, D. McGrath, E. J. Murray, W. R. Newnes, D. L. Pardoe, S. R. Peters, S. P. Shannon, Mrs. M. A. Sherrey JP, R. D. Smith, Mrs. C. J. Spencer, C. B. Taylor, E. C. Tibby, C. J. Tidmarsh, L. J. Turner, M. J. A. Webb, P. J. Whittaker and C. J. K. Wilson

71/09 **PRAYER**

At the request of the Chairman, the Reverend Andy Lyons opened the meeting with a prayer.

72/09 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dr. D. W. P. Booth JP, J. T. Duddy and Mrs. J. D. Luck.

73/09 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th November 2009 were submitted.

RESOLVED that the minutes be approved as a correct record, subject to the amendment of Minute No. 59/09 (c) with regard to Mr. P. Lammass to refer to a fifty year career.

74/09 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received from Members at the start of the meeting. During the meeting Councillor Ms. A. E. Doyle declared a personal interest in St Modwens when this company was referred to as part of an update on the Longbridge situation during the discussions on the recommendations from the Cabinet with regard to Comprehensive Area Assessment – Organisational Assessment (Minute No. 77/09 (iii) refers).

75/09 **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

(a) The Chairman urged Members to make donations to the Haiti Earthquake Appeal.

- (b) The Chairman drew attention to the following forthcoming events and encouraged Members to support these:

Burns Night in the Spadesbourne Suite on 22nd January 2010
Holocaust Memorial Service in Sanders Park on 27th January 2010
Civic Charity Dinner at Hagley Hall on 16th April 2010

- (c) The Chairman made a presentation to Mr. T. Rigg in recognition of his contribution to equality and diversity as a founder member of the Equality and Diversity Forum, including being Chairman of the Forum for three years and through his involvement with the Black History Society.

76/09 **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LEADER**

There were no announcements from the Leader.

77/09 **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CABINET**

- (i) **WORCESTERSHIRE ENHANCED TWO TIER (WETT) PROGRAMME – BUSINESS CASE FOR REGULATORY, AUDIT AND PROPERTY SERVICES**

With the consent of the meeting, Councillor R. Hollingworth proposed that the recommendations from the Cabinet be altered to delete the words “in principle”.

The altered recommendations were moved by Councillor R. Hollingworth and seconded by Councillor G. N. Denaro. The Chairman agreed that the matter be put to the vote in three stages with the first vote to cover the recommendations with regard to Internal Audit, the second vote to cover the recommendations with regard to Regulatory Services and the third vote to cover the recommendations with regard to Property Services.

On a requisition under Council Procedure Rule 17.5, the following details of voting were recorded on each vote.

Internal Audit

For the internal audit recommendations: Councillors A. N. Blagg, Mrs. J. M. Boswell, Mrs. M. Bunker, Miss D. H. Campbell, S. R. Colella, R. J. Deeming, G. N. Denaro, Mrs. R. L. Dent, Mrs. A. E. Doyle, Mrs. J. Dyer M.B.E., Mrs. J. M. L. A. Griffiths, D. Hancox, R. Hollingworth, Ms. H. J. Jones, B. Lewis, Dr. G. H. Lord, D. McGrath, W. R. Newnes, D. L. Pardoe, S. R. Peters, Mrs. M. A. Sherrey JP, R. D. Smith, Mrs. C. J. Spencer, C. B. Taylor, E. C. Tibby, C. J. Tidmarsh, L. J. Turner, M. J. A. Webb, P. J. Whittaker and C. R. Scurrall (30);

Against the internal audit recommendations: Councillors Ms. J. A. Marshall, Mrs. C. M. McDonald, P. M. McDonald, E. J. Murray, S. P. Shannon, and C. J. K. Wilson (6).

Regulatory Services

For the Regulatory Services recommendations: Councillors A. N. Blagg, Mrs. J. M. Boswell, Mrs. M. Bunker, Miss D. H. Campbell, S. R. Colella, R. J. Deeming, G. N. Denaro, Mrs. R. L. Dent, Mrs. A. E. Doyle, Mrs. J. Dyer M.B.E., Mrs. J. M. L. A. Griffiths, D. Hancox, R. Hollingworth, Ms. H. J. Jones, B. Lewis, Dr. G. H. Lord, D. McGrath, W. R. Newnes, D. L. Pardoe, Mrs. M. A. Sherrey JP, R. D. Smith, Mrs. C. J. Spencer, C. B. Taylor, E. C. Tibby, C. J. Tidmarsh, L. J. Turner, M. J. A. Webb, P. J. Whittaker and C. R. Scurrall (29);

Against the Regulatory Services recommendations: Councillors Ms. J. A. Marshall, Mrs. C. M. McDonald, P. M. McDonald, E. J. Murray, S. R. Peters, S. P. Shannon, and C. J. K. Wilson (7).

Property Services

For the Property Services recommendations: Councillors A. N. Blagg, Mrs. J. M. Boswell, Mrs. M. Bunker, Miss D. H. Campbell, S. R. Colella, R. J. Deeming, G. N. Denaro, Mrs. R. L. Dent, Mrs. A. E. Doyle, Mrs. J. Dyer M.B.E., Mrs. J. M. L. A. Griffiths, D. Hancox, R. Hollingworth, Ms. H. J. Jones, B. Lewis, Dr. G. H. Lord, Ms. J. A. Marshall, Mrs. C. M. McDonald, P. M. McDonald, D. McGrath, E. J. Murray, W. R. Newnes, D. L. Pardoe, S. R. Peters, S. P. Shannon, Mrs. M. A. Sherrey JP, R. D. Smith, Mrs. C. J. Spencer, C. B. Taylor, E. C. Tibby, C. J. Tidmarsh, L. J. Turner, M. J. A. Webb, P. J. Whittaker, C. J. K. Wilson and C. R. Scurrall (36);

Against the Property Services recommendations: (0).

RESOLVED:

- (a) that the two tier and joint working proposals for Property Services, Regulatory Services and Internal Audit contained within the WETT detailed business cases attached to the report be approved, on the basis that the associated risk implications and governance arrangements are to be finalised;
- (b) that subject to the agreement of the Worcestershire Councils i.e. Worcestershire County Council, Worcester City, Bromsgrove District, Redditch Borough, Malvern Hills District, Wychavon District and Wyre Forest District, a unified Regulatory Service for the Worcestershire Councils, jointly hosted by Bromsgrove and Redditch Councils (with Bromsgrove as the employing authority) be established from 1st June 2010 under the auspices of a Joint Committee; on the basis set out in the Regulatory Service Detailed Business Case V10, Part 1 and Part 2 (Rev.1) and supported by the Regulatory Services Detailed Business Case Executive Summary V3.2 attached as an appendix to the report;

- (c) that this Council's functions in relation to Environmental Health and Licensing Services (other than those licensing functions which cannot be delegated) be delegated to a Joint Committee in accordance with Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972 and Section 20 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Authorities (Arrangement for the Discharge of Functions) (England) (Regulations) 2000;
- (d) that subject to such an agreement being concluded, relevant staff from all Councils agreeing to the Regulatory Services Business Case be transferred to this Council under TUPE arrangements;
- (e) that the financial arrangements for the new Regulatory Service as set out in the Detailed Business Case V10 be approved as the basis for Regulatory budgets;
- (f) that subject to the agreement of the participating Worcestershire Councils i.e. Worcestershire County, Worcester City, Bromsgrove District and Redditch Borough, a Shared Property Service (hosted by Worcestershire County Council) be established on the basis set out in the Property Services Detailed Business Case V6 and the supporting Detailed Business Case Executive Summary V1 attached as an appendix to the report;
- (g) that the transfer of staff to Worcestershire County Council as service provider be approved on the terms proposed from the commencement date;
- (h) that this Council enters into a Service Level Agreement on the basis set out in the Property Services Detailed Business Case V6 and supporting Property Services Detailed Business Case V1, as amended to reflect any final agreement made between the Partner authorities;
- (i) that the Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services be authorised to finalise the terms of the collaboration agreement and the Service Level Agreement and to execute the agreements on behalf of the Council;
- (j) that subject to the agreement of the participating Worcestershire Councils i.e. Worcester City, Bromsgrove District, Redditch Borough, Wychavon District and Malvern Hills District, agreement be given to the creation of a Shared Service Internal Audit Service on the basis set out in the Internal Audit Detailed Business Case V10 and the supporting Detailed Business Case Executive Summary V2 as attached as an appendix to the report;
- (k) that the proposal that Worcester City Council acts as service provider be supported;
- (l) that the transfer of staff to Worcester City Council as service provider be approved on the terms proposed from the commencement date;
- (m) that this Council enters into a Service Level Agreement on the basis set out in the Internal Audit Detailed Business Case V10 and supporting Internal Audit Detailed Business Case V2

- attached as an appendix to the report as amended to reflect any final agreement made between the Partner authorities;
- (n) that the Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services be authorised to finalise the terms of the Service Level Agreement and to execute the agreement on behalf of the authority;
 - (o) that the proposed timeline attached as an appendix to the report, containing the order and dates for each consultation and decision point relating to the detailed business case development for Property Services, Regulatory Services and Internal Audit be approved;
 - (p) that the establishment of a Joint Appointments Committee with appropriate terms of reference in relation to the appointment of the proposed Head of Regulatory Services be approved on the basis the Committee comprises one member of each participating Council;
 - (q) that the consequential amendments to the Council's Constitution to reflect the Shared Services arrangements be approved.

(ii) MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2010/2011 TO 2012/2013

The recommendations from the Cabinet were moved by Councillor G. N. Denaro and seconded by Councillor R. Hollingworth during which thanks were extended to the Head of Financial Services and her staff.

An amendment was moved by Councillor P. M. McDonald and seconded by Councillor C. J. K. Wilson that the budget savings and expenditure be varied as follows:

Savings	£000	Expenditure	£000
Age Well	10	Rubery Tatoo (Help the Heroes)	10
Mosaic	8	LNPs	35
Planning Consultant	90	Planning Officer (Law)	50
Concessionary Travel	40	Bus Shelters	24
LSP	25	Reducing Council Tax 1%	140
8% cut in Corporate Costs	86		
Total	<u>259</u>		<u>259</u>

On a requisition made under Council Procedure Rule 17.5, the following details of voting on the amendment were recorded:

For the amendment: Councillors Ms. J. A. Marshall, Mrs. C. M. McDonald, P. M. McDonald, D. McGrath, E. J. Murray, S. P. Shannon and C. J. K. Wilson (7);

Against the amendment: Councillors A. N. Blagg, Mrs. J. M. Boswell, Mrs. M. Bunker, Miss D. H. Campbell, S. R. Colella, R. J. Deeming, G. N. Denaro, Mrs. R. L. Dent, Mrs. A. E. Doyle, Mrs. J. Dyer M.B.E., Mrs. J. M. L. A. Griffiths, D. Hancox, R. Hollingworth, Mrs. H. J. Jones, B. Lewis, Dr. G. H. Lord, W. R. Newnes, D. L. Pardoe, S. R. Peters, Mrs. M. A. Sherrey, R. D. Smith, Mrs. C. J. Spencer, C. B. Taylor, E. C. Tibby, C. J. Tidmarsh, L. Turner, M. J. A. Webb, P. J. Whittaker and C. R. Scurrall (29).

Accordingly the Chairman declared the amendment LOST.

The substantive recommendations were put to the meeting whereupon it was

RESOLVED:

- (a) that the budget pressures identified as high in Appendix A of the report (now including the Older Persons Directory) be included within the Medium Term Financial Plan as follows:

2010/11	£100,000
2011/12	£69,000
2012/13	£69,000

- (b) that the budget pressures identified as unavoidable in Appendix B of the report be included within the Medium Term Financial Plan as follows:

2010/11	£725,000
2011/12	£699,000
2012/13	£677,000

- (c) that the savings identified in Appendix C of the report be included within the Medium Term Financial Plan as follows:

2010/11	£1,088,000
2011/12	£1,348,000
2012/13	£1,787,000

- (d) that the capital bids identified as high in Appendix D (i) of the report (now including the WETT programme proposals) be included within the Medium Term Financial Plan as follows:

2010/11	£365,000
2011/12	£140,000
2012/13	£110,000

- (e) that the use of reserves totalling £593,000 as set out in Appendix E of the report be approved;

- (f) that the virements as set out in Appendix F of the report be approved; and

- (g) that the efficiency savings to be delivered during the period of the Medium Term Financial Plan as set out in Appendix D of the report be noted.

(iii) **COMPREHENSIVE AREA ASSESSMENT (CAA) – ORGANISATIONAL ASSESSMENT**

The recommendations from the Cabinet were moved by Councillor R. Hollingworth and seconded by Councillor G. N. Denaro.

During the discussions Councillor P. M. McDonald raised a point of order with regard to the accuracy of the Audit Commission's Organisational Assessment of the Council which the Chairman ruled out of order.

RESOLVED that the Audit Commission's report be noted, in particular the areas identified for improvement which will be included within the 2010/2013 Council Plan and the 2010/2011 Improvement Plan.

(iv) **INVESTIGATION COSTS**

The recommendations were moved by Councillor G. N. Denaro and seconded by Councillor R. Hollingworth during which Councillor Denaro drew attention to matters which should not be discussed in the Chamber due to the ongoing investigation.

Councillor S. R. Peters moved an amendment that the matter be referred back to the Standards Committee with a view to rationalising the investigation as there would be a limited number of generic complaints. The Deputy Monitoring Officer explained the grounds upon which a matter could be referred back which excluded financial grounds and therefore suggested that consideration be given to the amendment being withdrawn. Following that advice the amendment was not seconded.

RESOLVED that £45,000 be transferred from balances to meet the costs relating to the investigation and hearings into the complaints made to the Standards Committee following the Council meeting on 29th July 2009.

(Councillor S. R. Peters requested that his name be recorded as having voted against the above resolution).

(v) **PROGRAMME OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2010/2011**

RESOLVED:

- (a) that the Committee Programme for 2010/2011 as set out at Appendix 1 to the report be approved;

- (b) that authority be delegated to the Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services, in consultation with the Leader and relevant Portfolio Holder, to agree the programme of Council and Committee meetings for future years; and
- (c) that the responsibility for considering and formally approving by resolution the Council's Statement of Accounts in accordance with Regulation 10 (3) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003 be transferred from the Audit Board to the full Council; and that, as a consequence, the proposed June meeting of the Council be changed to 30th June 2010

(vi) **DOLPHIN CENTRE – TRANSFER OF MANAGEMENT TO A LEISURE TRUST**

The recommendations from the Cabinet were moved by Councillor R. D. Smith and seconded by Councillor R. Hollingworth.

On a requisition made under Council Procedure Rule 17.5, the following details of voting on the recommendations were recorded:

For the recommendations: Councillors A. N. Blagg, Mrs. J. M. Boswell, Mrs. M. Bunker, Miss D. H. Campbell, S. R. Colella, R. J. Deeming, G. N. Denaro, Mrs. R. L. Dent, Mrs. A. E. Doyle, Mrs. J. Dyer M.B.E., Mrs. J. M. L. A. Griffiths, D. Hancox, R. Hollingworth, Mrs. H. J. Jones, B. Lewis, Dr. G. H. Lord, D. McGrath, W. R. Newnes, D. L. Pardoe, S. R. Peters, Mrs. M. A. Sherrey, R. D. Smith, Mrs. C. J. Spencer, C. B. Taylor, E. C. Tibby, C. J. Tidmarsh, L. Turner, M. J. A. Webb, P. J. Whittaker and C. R. Scurrall (30);

Against the recommendations: Councillors Ms. J. A. Marshall, Mrs. C. M. McDonald, P. M. McDonald, E. J. Murray, S. P. Shannon and C. J. K. Wilson (6).

RESOLVED that negotiations be completed to enable the transfer of the management of the Dolphin Centre to Wychavon Leisure and Community Association Ltd to take place, based on the production of a business case that meets the savings proposed in the Medium Term Financial Plan and on a range of targets that will further improve the efficiency of the Dolphin Centre.

78/09 **MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE CABINET HELD ON 2ND DECEMBER 2009 AND 6TH JANUARY 2010**

The minutes of the meetings of the Cabinet held on 2nd December 2009 and 6th January 2010 were received for information.

79/09 **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Three questions on notice had been received which were taken in the order received.

1. Question submitted by Councillor E. J. Murray to the Chairman

“Can I be assured by the Chairman that sandwiches are no longer available to all staff and visitors; in an effort to make sure we are all together in saving monies and reducing cost?”

The Chairman referred this question to the Leader who replied that he would not give such an assurance and that hospitality would be continued if the need arose, such as for day long events. He confirmed that sandwiches were no longer provided for Committee meetings.

Councillor Murray did not ask a supplementary question.

2. Question submitted by Councillor S. P. Shannon to the Leader

“Is the leader of the Council concerned about the increasing number of residents who have been informed that the new collection vehicles are unable to access the roads that they live in, and consequently will no longer be able to participate in the kerbside recycling service operated by BDC?”

The Leader replied that yes he was concerned.

Councillor Shannon asked a supplementary question requesting a fuller explanation including what action was the Leader going to take?

The Leader replied that he had asked officers to investigate the matter and that he would report back once he had had an answer.

3. Question submitted by Councillor Mrs. C. M. McDonald to the Chairman

“Would the Chairman please inform me of the cost and how many times in the last eighteen months solicitors/consultants have been used regarding investigations on behalf of the Standards Committee?”

The Chairman referred this question to Councillor G. N. Denaro who replied that out of four complaints referred for investigation two had been dealt with by officers and two others, which were linked, had been referred for investigation by an external solicitor. The invoice had not yet been received but the cost would not exceed £3,000 and would be met from within the existing budget.

Councillor Mrs. McDonald did not ask a supplementary question.

The Chief Executive announced that a fourth question had been received with regard to the issue of car parking fees for hospitals. As this did not relate to a matter for which the Council had responsibility or which affected the District of Bromsgrove more than other areas he had rejected the question.

It was moved by Councillor P. M. McDonald and seconded by Councillor C. J. K. Wilson that the Council's Standing Orders be suspended so that the question could be asked. The Chief Executive advised that two-thirds of Members present would need to agree to this motion.

On a requisition under Council Procedure Rule 17.5, the following details of voting on the motion were recorded:

For the motion: Councillors Ms. J. A. Marshall, Mrs. C. M. McDonald, P. M. McDonald, D. McGrath, E. J. Murray, W. R. Newnes, S. P. Shannon and C. J. K. Wilson (8).

Against the motion: Councillors A. N. Blagg, Mrs. J. M. Boswell, Mrs. M. Bunker, Miss D. H. Campbell, S. R. Colella, R. J. Deeming, G. N. Denaro, Mrs. R. L. Dent, Mrs. J. Dyer M.B.E., Mrs. J. M. L. A. Griffiths, D. Hancox, R. Hollingworth, Ms. H. J. Jones, B. Lewis, Dr. G. H. Lord, D. L. Pardoe, S. R. Peters, Mrs. M. A. Sherrey JP, R. D. Smith, Mrs. C. J. Spencer, C. B. Taylor, E. C. Tibby, C. J. Tidmarsh, L. J. Turner, M. J. A. Webb, P. J. Whittaker and C. R. Scurrrell (27);

Abstention: Councillor Mrs. A. E. Doyle (1).

Accordingly the Chairman declared the motion LOST.

80/09 **MOTION - PRESENTATION/AWARDS**

Members considered the following motion submitted by Councillor P. M. McDonald:

"That all presentations/awards made by the Chairman of the Council full comply with a criteria agreed by this Council."

Having been moved and seconded, Councillor G. N. Denaro indicated that he was prepared to bring forward a set of criteria with other proposed constitutional changes to the meeting of the Council in March 2010.

The motion was put to the vote and declared by the Chairman to be CARRIED.

81/09 **MOTION - CO2 EMISSIONS**

Members considered the following motion submitted by Councillor S. P. Shannon:

"That this Council demonstrates its commitment to reduction of CO2 emissions in the district by pledging support for the 10-10 campaign."

The motion was moved by Councillor S. P. Shannon and seconded by Councillor P. M. McDonald.

Councillor G. N. Denaro referred to the Climate Change item that was already on the work programme for the Scrutiny Board and moved an amendment that the matter be referred to the Scrutiny Board for it to consider as part of its investigation. The amendment was seconded by Councillor R. Hollingworth.

Having been put to the vote the Chairman declared the amendment to be CARRIED whereupon it became the substantive motion. This substantive motion was then put to the vote and declared by the Chairman to be CARRIED.

82/09 **MOTION - START TIME OF MEETINGS**

Members considered the following motion submitted by Councillor C. J. K. Wilson:

“That Full Council Meetings should now commence at 19.00 along with Board Meetings.”

The motion was moved by and seconded. Having been put to the vote the Chairman declared the motion to be LOST.

83/09 **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE LICENSING COMMITTEE HELD ON 7TH SEPTEMBER 2009**

STREET TRADING CONSENT

With the consent of the meeting Councillor Mrs. R. L. Dent proposed that the recommendations from the Licensing Committee be altered to include the following:

“(c) that after six months, officers report to the Scrutiny Board on the operation of the Street Trading Policy.”

Having been moved by Councillor Mrs. R. L. Dent and seconded by Councillor Mrs. C. J. Spencer, it was

RESOLVED:

- (a) that the Council approves and adopts the proposed fee structure for Street Trading Consents as recommended by the Licensing Committee;
- (b) that the Scheme of Delegation be revised in respect of street trading as follows:
 - (i) to authorise the Head of Planning and Environment Services to be responsible for inspections of premises to ensure compliance with street trading consent legislation, Council Policy and any conditions attached to a consent; and
 - (ii) to authorise the Head of Planning and Environment Services to determine applications for consents for street trading in consent areas designated by the Council;
- (c) that after six months, officers report to the Scrutiny Board on the operation of the Street Trading Policy.

84/09 **REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL ON MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES FOR 2010/11**

Members considered a report of the Independent Remuneration Panel setting out recommendations arising from its review of Members' Allowances for 2010/11.

In responding to the Panel's report, Councillor R. Hollingworth drew particular attention to the new formula recommended by the Panel for the calculation of Basic Allowance which was based on multiplying the national minimum wage (£5.80) x 18.5 hours x 52 weeks with a public service contribution of 34.11%.

Councillor Hollingworth moved that the Panel's recommendations be accepted with the following changes, which included the banding and rounding of multipliers to two decimal places and the rounding of SRAs to the nearest pound:

Recommendation (3) in relation to Special Responsibility Allowances (SRAs)

- SRA for the Chairman of the Licensing Committee to be based on a higher multiplier of 0.06, amounting to £213 per meeting
- SRA for the Deputy Leader to be based on a multiplier of 0.70, amounting to £2,573 (in addition to the SRA payable as a Portfolio Holder)
- SRA for the Chairman of the Planning Committee to be based on a higher multiplier of 1.00, amounting to £3,676
- That no SRAs be payable to Minority Group Leaders (Councillor Hollingworth expressed the view that any allowances for such positions should be paid for out of political subscriptions)

Recommendation (4) in relation to travelling allowances

That the wording be amended to refer to travelling allowances being payable at the maximum Inland Revenue rate which was currently 40p per mile.

The recommendations as altered above were seconded by Councillor G. N. Denaro.

Councillor S. P. Shannon moved an amendment with regard to recommendation (4) that travelling allowances should be linked directly to vehicle emissions so that lower polluting vehicles were paid at the higher end of the scale; and that the Panel's recommendation with regard to the cycling allowance be withdrawn. The amendment was seconded by Councillor P. M. McDonald. Having been put to the vote the Chairman declared the amendment to be LOST.

Councillor W. R. Newnes moved an amendment with regard to recommendation (4) that travelling allowances should be linked to Inland Revenue guidelines with regard to emissions/vehicle engine size. The amendment was seconded by Councillor D. McGrath. Having been put to the vote the Chairman declared the amendment to be LOST.

The substantive motion was put to the vote whereupon it was

RESOLVED:

- (a) that based on the new simpler formula as set out in section 4.9 of the report, the Basic Allowance payable to every Member of the Council be increased by 1% from £3,640 to £3,676 for 2010/11;
- (b) that a new Special Responsibility Allowance be payable for the position of Chairman of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the level of payment for 2010/11 be set as shown in the table at recommendation (3) below;
- (c) that based on a multiplier of the Basic Allowance for 2010/11, the following levels of Special Responsibility Allowances be payable in 2010/11:

Position	Band	Multiplier of Basic Allowance	SRA for 2010/11
Chairman of Licensing Sub-Committee	1	0.03	£107 per meeting
Chairman of Standards Sub-Committee (<i>to be paid as a co-optee's allowance to independent persons excluding the Chairman of the parent Committee</i>)	1	0.03	£107 per meeting
Chairman of Appeals Committee	1	0.03	£107 per meeting
Chairman of Electoral Matters Committee	1	0.03	£107 per meeting
Chairman of Appointments Committee	1	0.03	£107 per meeting
Members of Overview and Scrutiny Task Groups	1	0.03	£107 (payable on completion of task)
Chairman of Licensing Committee	2	0.06	£213 per meeting
Chairmen of Overview and Scrutiny Task Groups	2	0.06	£213 (payable on completion of task)
Chairman of Audit Board	3	0.29	£1,066
Chairman of Standards Committee (<i>to be paid as a co-optee's allowance to independent person</i>)	4	0.50	£1,848

Deputy Leader (plus SRA as a Portfolio Holder)	5	0.70	£2,573
Chairman of Performance Management Board	6	0.87	£3,197
Chairman of Scrutiny Board	6	0.87	£3,197
Chairman of Overview Board	6	0.87	£3,197
Chairman of Joint Overview and Scrutiny Board	7	0.44	£1,599
Chairman of Planning Committee	8	1.00	£3,676
Portfolio Holder	9	1.30	£4,796
Leader of the Council	10	3.00	£10,927

- (d) that for 2010/11, travelling expenses for approved duties be paid in accordance with the approved HM Revenue and Customs mileage allowance rate which is currently 40p per mile, irrespective of vehicle engine capacity; and that the cycling allowance be payable at the same mileage rate as for vehicles for 2010/11 and beyond;
- (e) that no change be made to subsistence allowances for 2010/11.

85/09 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

A motion to exclude the public prior to consideration of agenda item 15 (recommendations from the Shared Services Board) and agenda item 16 (recommendations from the Appointments Committee) was moved by Councillor R. Hollingworth and seconded by Councillor G. N. Denaro on the grounds that agenda item 15 involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act as amended, being information being information relating to any ongoing or contemplated consultations or negotiations in connection with any labour relations matter between the Council and officers and that agenda item 16 involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act as amended, being information in relation to an individual. Members needed to consider whether the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information by debating the matter in public.

Having been put to the vote it was

RESOLVED that under Section 100 I of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act, as amended, the relevant paragraph of that part, in each case, being as set out below, and that it is in the public interest to do so:-

<u>Minute No.</u>	<u>Paragraph</u>
86/09	4
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86/09 **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SHARED SERVICES BOARD HELD ON 7TH JANUARY 2010**

REQUESTS FOR VOLUNTARY COMPULSORY REDUNDANCY

Members received the minutes of the meeting of the Shared Services Board held on 7th January 2010 and considered the recommendations contained therein. The report which had been considered by the Board was also submitted.

RESOLVED that approval be given to the two applications for Voluntary Compulsory Redundancy as proposed in Appendix 1 to the report.

87/09 **RECOMMENDATION FROM THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE HELD ON 14TH JANUARY 2010**

APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBER TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that Ms Kimara Sharpe be appointed to serve as an Independent Member on the Standards Committee for a four year term of office expiring 20th January 2014.

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

Chairman